



## **King County**

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## **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**November 18, 2009 2-4 p.m.**

**Beacon Hill Library – Seattle**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kathy Brasch at 2:15 p.m. A quorum was declared.

#### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Kathleen Hadaller, Edith Nelson, Kevin Bernadt, Kathy Brasch, Dorry Elias-Garcia, Loran Lichty

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** None

**County Staff Present:** Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Bill Goldsmith, DCHS; Sonia Singh, DCHS

**Guests:** Doug Hoople (VCLOB)

#### **Review of Meeting Summary**

The draft September meeting summary was reviewed and two corrections to the spelling of board member names were identified.

**ACTION:** The September meeting summary was approved as revised.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Strategy 5**

At the Strategy 5 Committee meeting held earlier in the month, the Levy Evaluator, Jon Hoskins, provided members with an updated evaluation work plan. At this meeting, Bill Goldsmith, a member of the Evaluation Unit, walked members through the details that included evaluating each levy activity individually with outcomes for each summarized in concise, 1-3 page reports. This approach acknowledges the uniqueness of each of the activities. The shorter reports can be rolled up into a summary evaluation of the overarching strategy. The goal is to have these completed by the summer of 2010. Strategy 5 Committee

will be meeting monthly to review drafts of the individual activity evaluation reports. The first of the reports to be completed will be on Strategy 1.

A process evaluation is also underway. Several tools will be used including an on-line survey to obtain feedback from program managers, board members, and others on such topics as start-up, procurement plans, request for proposal processes and contracting. The Levy processes will be evaluated on a number of dimensions such as timelines, transparency, accountability, and equity.

### **Levy Presentation**

Kathy Brasch and Loran Lichty provided the PowerPoint presentation on the Levy that has been developed for use in public presentations. They did an excellent job and received positive feedback from board members on their engaging presentation. Members suggested some changes that could be made to the presentation including:

- Add the levy revenue is based on a tax of 5 cents per \$1000 of assessed value of a home. In 2009 the tax was about \$13.59 for the average homeowner and may go up to \$15 in 2010. The average assessed value of a home in 2009 was \$350,000.
- Add success data recently received from Plymouth Housing Group on the success they are seeing with their permanent housing.

### **Co-Chair's Report**

- Joe Ingram has resigned from the board so that he can focus more energy on his Vet's Edge organization. Board members are needed to replace him on the committees on which he served. Kevin Bernadt volunteered to serve on Strategy 3.2/3.3 Advisory Committee and Edie Nelson volunteered to serve on the Strategy 5 Committee.
- In light of Joe Ingram's resignation, a co-chair is also needed. Loran Lichty was nominated and indicated he was willing to serve.

**ACTION:** The board elected Loran Lichty to serve as Co-Chair of the board through 2010.

### **King County Staff Report**

- Marcy asked board members as part of their oversight responsibility if they would review the 2008 Performance Reports developed by the program managers and posted with the procurement plans on the levy website. She offered to create a form to assist them in their review. It was suggested the review could be divided among the members to share the work, and the members could provide feedback on their review at the January board meeting. Members discussed how they would divide up reviewing the reports.
- Based on input from the Executive's Office, a few changes were made to the board appointment/reappointment policy document. This was shared and reviewed with the board.
- Board re-appointments will not be made until the new County Executive has an opportunity to review the list of board members to be re-appointed and make his decision.

- Sadikifu will be retiring in April and handing over responsibility for arranging levy presentations to Joel.

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- Edie announced an upcoming event at the Duwamish Longhouse.

**Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)**

- None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.